

Media Advisory

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WHAT: Speed Limit Reduction on State Route 70 in Plumas County

The California Department of Transportation has lowered the maximum speed limit to 45-MPH on a section of State Route 70 in Plumas County. Due to less than desirable pavement conditions at isolated locations in both directions from 5.5 miles east of the Butte County line to the junction of State Route 89, the Greenville Wye, the existing 55 MPH speed limit was lowered. Routine pavement reviews by Caltrans engineers produced less than desirable skid test numbers within the 28-mile long section of highway in the Feather River Canyon. New speed limit signs and changeable message signs have been placed along the highway to alert motorists to the lower speed. The California Highway Patrol will monitor the area and enforce the 45-MPH limit.

Caltrans has taken steps to remedy the areas of affected pavement and expect to have the work completed by early August.

WHEN: Friday, July 12, 2002

WHERE: State Route 70, Plumas County, from 5.5 mile north of the Butte/Plumas

County line to the junction of State Route 36. Both east and westbound lanes

are affected.